

**Minutes of the
QUAD CITIES RIVERFRONT COUNCIL (QCRFC)**

Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 12:00 p.m.
Union Station Visitor's Center
102 S. Harrison Street
Davenport, IA 52801

Council Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jeff Anderson
Mr. Steve Clark
Mr. Steve Grimes
Mr. Tim Huey

Mr. Joe Taylor
Ms. Katie Tolley
Mr. Scott Tunnicliff
Ms. Kathy Wine*

**Current QCRFC Officers*

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Taylor Beswick
Ms. Kate Mapes
Ms. Shawn McKenna

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Ms. Wine at 12:10 p.m. Introductions were made.
2. **Approval of the March 22, 2016 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Huey, and Mr. Grimes seconded. The meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. **Award Presentation.** Certificate of Appreciation Awards were presented by Ms. Wine to those awardees present at the meeting. The awards were presented as follows:
 - Quad Cities Botanical Center Children's Garden: Ms. Mapes accepted the award on behalf of the Quad Cities Botanical Center.
 - Get Out And Ride (G.O.A.T.): Mr. Grimes accepted the award on behalf of all Parks and Recreation Directors involved in organizing event.
 - QC Times Bix 7 & RAGBRAI: Mr. Taylor accepted the award on behalf of the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau. Ms. McKenna accepted the award on behalf of the Quad City Times. The City of Davenport will be presented an award at a future city council meeting.
 - Riverdale Mississippi River Trail Extension: The award will be presented at a future Riverdale city council meeting.

4. **Individual Riverfront Reports.**

- *Bi-State* – Mr. Beswick and Ms. Miller had nothing in addition to QCTrails.org to report.
- *Bettendorf* – Mr. Grimes reported that work on the Isle of Capri land-based casino continues and the boat will be leaving soon. The city is working on having the barge and dock remain in order to sustain riverfront access in the area. Mr. Grimes reported work continues on the I-74 bridge. He also detailed the trail projects associated with the I-74 project.
- *Moline* – Mr. Anderson reported that the Moline’s new Downtown Plan shows proposals for the use of new land development opportunities once the current I-74 bridge is torn town.
- *National Mississippi River Parkway Commission* – Mr. Tunnicliff reported that there was an idea brought up at a meeting last month in La Crosse, WI of a north to south Mississippi River bike ride similar to RAGBRAI. He will find out more information in June.
- *Princeton* – Ms. Tolley reported the Princeton Garden walk will be on July 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, the Princeton Summerfest will be held from July 29-30. There will be no boat parade during the festival this year.
- *QCCVB* – Mr. Taylor announced that the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau building at Union Station will also be serving as the headquarters of the American Discovery Trail. Tourists and trail users have already come through and visited the headquarters. Mr. Taylor also reported that the social media rollout of the National Geographic Mississippi River Travel Planning site will be in July. See <http://mississippiriver.natgeotourism.com/> for more information.
- *River Action* – Ms. Wine had nothing additional to report to the council.
- *Rock Island Arsenal* – Mr. Clark had nothing to report to the council.
- *Scott County* – Mr. Huey reported that Scott County is going through an administrator change. The new administrator is from the Kansas City, Missouri area.

5. **Other Business.** The next meeting will be held at a different location to be decided.

6. **Meeting Adjourned.** Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 26, 2016. Location to be decided.